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REMARKS

Claim 1 through 24 remain in this application.

The Office Action required restriction of the application to one of three claim sets:

Claims 1-20, drawn to a method for facilitating the management of a communication network, classified in class 705, subclass 28

Claims 21-33, drawn to an apparatus for facilitating the management of a communication network, classified in class 70, subclass 223.

Claim 34, drawn to a computer program, classified in class 707, subclass 10.

In response to the restriction requirement, Claims 1 through 20 are elected, without traverse. Claims 21 through 34 are withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

The Application is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the full allowance be granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Jessica Smith at (972) 477-9109.

Respectfully submitted,

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